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SUBJ: TROUBLE BREWING IN THE VENICE PCI-PSI COALITION

1. THE COMMUNIST (PCI) - SOCIALIST (PSI) COALITION WHICH HAS BEEN GOVERNING VENICE IN THE FACE OF ENERGETIC CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT (DC) OPPOSITION FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, MAY COLLAPSE AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. ON THE SURFACE, THE CRISIS CENTERS ON A PSI DEMAND THAT THE ENTIRE VENICE MUNICIPALITY RESIGN IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE FORMATION OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION, OBSTENSIBLY BY THE SAME PCI-PSI COALITION, IN ORDER TO BETTER MEET CRITICISM OF THE PRESENT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. THERE ARE INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THE PSI WOULD LIKE TO FORM A NEW COALITION WITH THE DC INSTEAD.

2. PSI MAYOR RIGO, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE DECIDEDLY UNWILLING TO INCLUDE HIS OWN PERSONAL RESIGNATION WITH THOSE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER GIUNTA MEMBERS IN HOPES OF BEING THE ONE TO FORM THE NEW GOVERNMENT. THIS IS IN SPITE OF MOUNTING PRESSURE BY THE VENETO REGIONAL PSI ORGANIZATION (AND ESPECIALLY LOMBARDIANO AND CRAXI SUPPORTERS) TO DO SO.

3. THE LAST OF A SERIES OF CONFABS BETWEEN THE COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS RESULTED IN A DEADLOCK OVER THE ISSUE (THE

COMMUNISTS BEING OPPOSED TO IT) AND WAS A SETBACK FOR THOSE WHO WISHED TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING. THE COALITION NOW APPEARS TO BE NEARER COLLAPSE THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, AND IF IT HASN'T HAPPENED YET, IT IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE LOCAL PSI LEADERSHIP'S DESIRE TO PRO-CRASTINATE UNTIL CLARIFICATION, OIR DIRECTION, IS FORTHCOMING FROM THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

4. THE MAKEUP OF THE PRESENT VENICE COMMUNE COUNCIL IS AS FOLLOWS:

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| PCI         | 21 |
| DC          | 18 |
| PSI         | 10 |
| PSDI        | 4  |
| PRI         | 2  |
| MSI         | 2  |
| PLI         | 1  |
| PDIUP       | 1  |
| IND. (LEFT) | 1  |

TOTAL 61

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MAYOR: DR. MARIO RIGO  
VICE MAYOR: ON. GIOVANN PELLICANI (PCI)

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